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In re Application )  
David E. Hauber ) Group Art Unit: 1732  
Serial No. 09/332,420 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: June 14, 1999 )  
FOR: REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC )  
PIPE MANUFACTURE )

AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the  
originally submitted claims in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 5 in said claim, insert ---  
solid---between "a" and "material".

Claim 7, lines 6-7 in said claim, insert  
---solid---between "a" and "material".

Claim 11, lines 8-9 in said claim, insert  
---solid---between "a" and "material".

Claim 18, lines 9-10 in said claim, insert  
---solid--- between "a" and "material".

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are respectfully  
requested to still more clearly distinguish the now  
claimed invention over all subject matter either  
disclosed or obviously suggested in the herein cited  
prior art reference.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner  
consider United States Patent No. 5,913,337, issued  
June 22, 1999 to Jerry C. Williams et al as a prior art  
reference in the present examination. Said prior art  
reference was understandably not available to the  
undersigned attorney prior to the filing date of the  
present application by reasons of its subsequent  
publication.

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